



Introducing Our New Siddur

Bulletin

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# A Zionism We Can Embrace

RABBI NEIL ZUCKERMAN

**I**n a couple of weeks we will celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. As I anticipate this day of celebration, I think back to our PAS trip to Israel in February, built around Ari Shavit's book, *My Promised Land*. I remember standing on the shore of the Mediterranean in Old Jaffa on the first day of the trip, looking out over the skyline of Tel Aviv. Gazing at the northern edge of Tel Aviv in the distance, we recognized that this spot is where the foundation was set for a sovereign, modern, creative, vital, and life-loving Jewish existence. It is simply a miracle. A miracle that needs to be celebrated. A miracle in which we should take enormous pride.



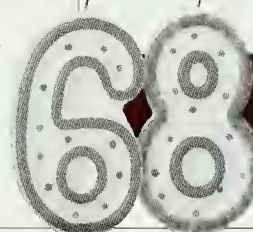
Acknowledging that miracle, we spent the next week confronting many of the challenges Israel faces as it continues to mature as a nation: Income gap and poverty; immigration; settlements; treatment of Palestinians and their relationship to the Jewish state; religious extremism; the struggle between being a Jewish and a democratic state; and the ongoing conversation regarding the character of the Jewish state. It was a challenging week.

And yet, our week in Israel gave me a tremendous amount of hope. I sensed in our encounters that a foundation is being built for a different kind of conversation, a new chapter – the next chapter, a more mature chapter – in the history of Israel. An Arab school is flourishing in Lod, known in Shavit's book as Lydda, a town that represents one of the darkest chapters in the history of the Zionist dream. It is a school whose principal dares her students to dream of a different future, aware of all the challenges of being an Arab living in the Jewish state. She fuels them with messages of hope, not of hate. I felt that sense of hope when I sat in a green house in Gush Etzion, listening to a "settler" and a Palestinian dialogue about their shared dreams of co-existence and the work they do with young Jews and Palestinians in the West Bank to make that dream become a reality.

Are these the dominant voices in Jewish and Palestinian communities? Not yet. Are there lots of reasons to be pessimistic about the state of the Jewish state? Yes. But there is another narrative to share. And it requires us to remember that Zionism was and is built on a revolutionary dream. A dream that no one thought was possible. A dream that no one could imagine. A dream that ultimately took thousands of years to realize. I understand that there are Jews

who "want messiah now." But Jewish history teaches us that it won't happen that way. It will happen, but it will happen slowly. Rabbi David Hartman, z"l, used to tell me, "You can't be a Jew and not believe in miracles. But you also can't be a Jew and **only** believe in miracles." It is a very real description of the arc of Jewish history.

So let us acknowledge the miracle of Israel. To spend any amount of time there is to marvel in its accomplishments. But let us also acknowledge that the next chapter of the Jewish state must be written, and will only be written, when we, as passionate Zionists, acknowledge and own her imperfections. And **that** is a mature Zionism. Not a Zionism caught up in some misguided messianic fervor. It is a Zionism that can ask the tough questions and honestly diagnose itself, reclaim that essential dream, and set out to fulfill that dream through the work of our hands, recognizing it won't happen today or tomorrow. That's a Zionism we can embrace. And in the end, it is the most perfect Jewish version of Zionism I can imagine.



Celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut at PAS on Wednesday, May 11. See p. 8.

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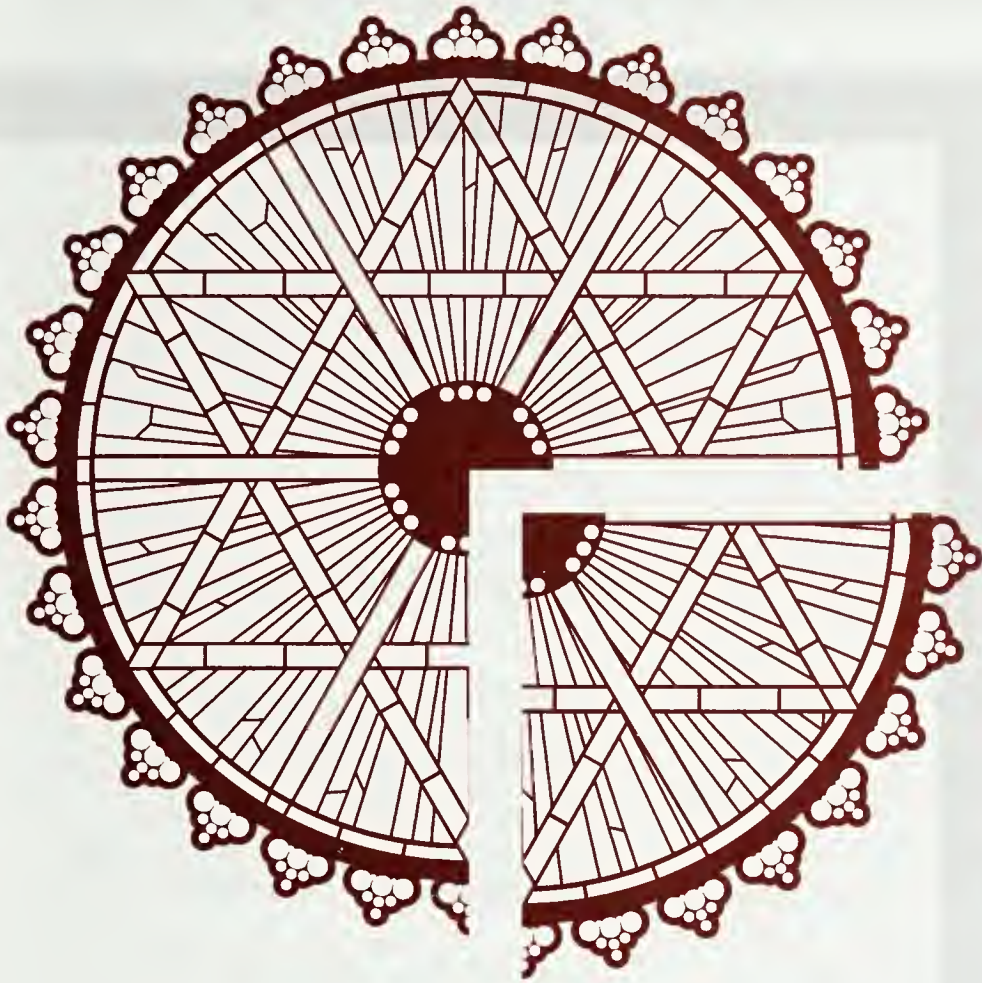
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## Capital Campaign Town Hall and Annual Meeting

Wednesday | May 18

6:00 pm | Capital Campaign Town Hall  
*A Synagogue in Action: Building the Future*

Learn about the plans for the Lifelong Learning Center on 89th Street and the renovation of the 87th Street building. Bring your questions!

7:30 pm | Annual Meeting

Art Penn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will present the Annual Report reviewing the activities of the congregation during the past year, as well as recapping our exciting plans for the future. We will hear a Treasurer's Report and elect Officers, Trustees and Advisory Council members. A light reception will follow the meeting.

**RSVP not required**, but we would love to know that you are coming. Please respond to Louro Yomner at [lyamner@pasyn.org](mailto:lyamner@pasyn.org).

## Introducing *Siddur Lev Shalem*

### Shabbat Preview

Friday–Saturday | May 20–May 21

Friday | May 20 | 6:15 pm | **Kabbalat Shabbat**

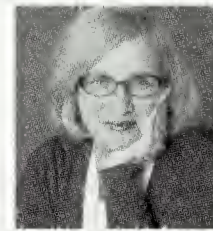
Follow in the new prayer book as the Teen Rock Band leads us into Shabbat with rhythm and song.

Saturday | May 21 | **Worship & Learning**

9:15 am | **Shabbat Services**

12:30 pm | **Siddur Insights**

Use the new prayer book at services, so you can appreciate the dedicatory remarks on Sunday. Stay after kiddush for a talk by Rabbi Lilly Kaufman about the process of creating the siddur.

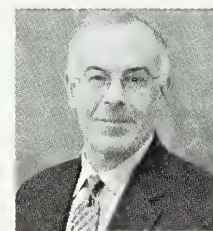


**RABBI LILLY KAUFMAN** was a member of the *Siddur Lev Shalem* Editorial Committee. Ordained as both a cantor and a rabbi at JTS, she served as a rabbi/cantor and as an educator at congregations in West Hartford, CT, and Minneapolis, MN. Rabbi Kaufman now serves as the Director of the Torah Fund of the Women's League of Conservative Judaism. She is a member of PAS.

### Siddur Dedication

Sunday | May 22 | 5:30 pm

The Rabbinical Assembly, opening its annual convention this year at Park Avenue Synagogue, invites members of PAS to join them in the Sanctuary for the introduction and dedication of *Siddur Lev Shalem*, followed by a celebratory Mincha service led by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and Cantor Azi Schwartz. After the ceremony, David Brooks will deliver a keynote address, "Educating the Spirit."

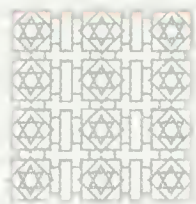


**DAVID BROOKS** has been an Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times* since September 2003. He is currently also a commentator on "The PBS Newshour," NPR's "All Things Considered," and NBC's "Meet the Press." His fourth book, *The Road to Character*, came out in April 2015 and became a number one *New York Times* bestseller. He is also the author of *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class* and *How They Got There* and *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement*. Mr. Brooks teaches at Yale University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.



Look for this siddur symbol to identify opportunities to learn about *Siddur Lev Shalem* before the dedication.





Park Avenue Synagogue

## *A Synagogue in Action:* Building the Future

### An Interview With Andrea Baumann Lustig, Capital Campaign Chair



#### **WHAT GAVE RISE TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?**

The Space Needs

Committee was formed in 2012 to assess whether PAS really required more space and if so, what type, how much, where, and by when? After detailed analysis, the Board concluded that to better serve our vibrant community, we need both additional space and a revitalized home. As a result, approximately two years ago, we launched the Capital Campaign, *A Synagogue in Action: Building the Future*.

#### **WHERE DOES THE CAMPAIGN STAND?**

Over 250 families have made pledges and we have raised over \$62 million toward our \$70 million goal, with gifts ranging from under \$500 to over \$5 million. The outpouring has been generous, overwhelming, and enthusiastic.

#### **WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE HAVE RESPONDED SO WELL?**

People really want to be a part of building the future and sharing in the legacy we leave to the next generation. Whether it's a young family about to reap the benefits of being part of

our community or a senior who has experienced a lifelong relationship with the synagogue, members see that Judaism is *happening at the synagogue* – that it plays a key role in generating Jewish identity – and they want to be a part of perpetuating that. It's been over 35 years since our last renovation, and members seem to understand that there's real need to revitalize our space to create a warm, welcoming, technologically up-to-date environment in which it is attractive to worship, learn, meet, and celebrate.

#### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

As you can imagine, it is a challenge to try to meet with or speak to every one of our 1,600 member families. So in early March, the Steering Committee reached out to the entire PAS community with a letter asking members to consider making a gift to the campaign, along with a folder containing a brochure, FAQs, renderings, a pledge card, and information on planned giving. We also hope to see everyone at our Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 18 just before the Annual Meeting, when we'll go over the plans and answer any questions. In addition, we've added a new "Giving" section to the website which speaks to the many

opportunities to give to PAS and has a dedicated section about the campaign with copies of all the materials. (There is also a link on the top left of every page.)

#### **WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?**

We've always had two goals – raising the necessary funds and engendering broad participation to strengthen the bonds of community and enable everyone to be a part of our shared legacy. To reach our goals, we need each and every one of us to participate. We are close, but we can't get there without everyone's help, and you wouldn't want us to! Fundamentally, yes, we are doing all this to improve our physical space, but we are also doing much more. Each of us, by participating, is demonstrating our confidence in the future – to our children, our parents maybe, our friends, New York City, and perhaps, even a little bit to ourselves. After all, we are taking concrete action to remain at the forefront of American Judaism . . . and we are stepping up to take responsibility for our shared future in the same way that those who came before did for us. We hope you will join us!



**[pasyn.org/giving](http://pasyn.org/giving)**

CLICK ON "CAPITAL CAMPAIGN" TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING PLANS.





**Wednesday, May 4 • 26 Nisan**

6:30 pm | Yom HaShoah  
Commemoration (p.8)

**Thursday, May 5 • 27 Nisan**

Yom HaShoah

7:15 am | Morning minyan with  
insertions in the Amidah for Yom  
HaShoah and *El Maleh Rahamim* in  
memory of the Six Million

**Friday, May 6 • 28 Nisan**

5:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat for  
Families with Young Children (p. 12)  
6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:15 pm | Ramah Minyan (p. 17)

**Saturday, May 7 • 29 Nisan**

Parashat Aharei Mot  
9:15 am | Sanctuary service  
Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Orlinsky

**Sunday, May 8 • 30 Nisan**

Rosh Hodesh  
9:00 am | Morning minyan with Hallel,  
Torah reading, and Musaf

**Monday, May 9 • 1 Iyyar**

Rosh Hodesh  
7:15 am | Morning minyan with Hallel,  
Torah reading, and Musaf

**Wednesday, May 11 • 3 Iyyar**

Yom HaZikaron observed  
7:15 am | Morning service with  
*El maleh rahamim* in memory of  
Israel's fallen

**Thursday, May 12 – 4 Iyyar**

Yom HaAtzma'ut observed (p. 8)  
7:15 am | Morning service with *Hallel*  
Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israeli Independence Day, is on  
the 5th of Iyyar; Yom HaZikaron, Memorial Day,  
is the day before. When 5 Iyyar falls on a Friday,  
the observance of Yom HaAtzma'ut is pushed  
forward to 4 Iyyar so that observances do not  
detract from the start of Shabbat.

**Friday, May 13 • 5 Iyyar**

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30 pm | Shabbat Dinner Series with  
Dr. Stephen Berk (p. 9)

**Saturday, May 14 • 6 Iyyar**

Parashat K'doshim  
**TGIS: Thank God It's Shabbat!**  
9:00–9:50 am | Activities for all ages  
(See pasyn.org for full list.)  
10:00 am–12:15 pm | Community  
Shabbat Worship  
Bat Mitzvah of Barrie Elizabeth Davis  
Bat Mitzvah of Navah Goldblum  
11:15 am | Tot TGIS  
Immediately after services | Minha  
12:30 pm | “Budapest” with Dr. Stephen  
Berk (p. 9)  
5:30 pm | Late Minha  
Bat Mitzvah of Alexander Soiefer  
Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Soiefer

**Friday, May 20 • 12 Iyyar**

5:00 pm | Tiny Treasures & YFE  
Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner (p. 12)  
6:15 pm | Rock Kabbalat  
Shabbat with the Teen Rock  
Band (p. 3)



**Saturday, May 21 • 13 Iyyar**

Parashat Emor



9:15 am | Sanctuary service  
Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle  
Perkin  
Bar Mitzvah of Justin Silver  
9:30 am | Havurah

The final one of our lay-led, child-friendly  
services for this season. We invite individuals and  
families of all ages to join us today and again  
in the fall for an intimate and informal prayer  
experience. People of all skill levels are welcome  
to lead part of the service, read Torah or Haftarah  
or facilitate a Torah discussion. Questions? Contact  
Rabbi Witkovsky at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.  
Immediately after services | Minha  
12:30 pm | Siddur Insights with Rabbi  
Lilly Kaufman (p. 3)

**Sunday, May 22 • 14 Iyyar**

Pesah Sheni

9:00 am | Morning minyan with no  
Tahanun (penitential prayers)  
Pesah sheni is the day, exactly one month after  
Pesah, when people who had missed making the  
Pesah sacrifice for legitimate reasons could offer a  
“make-up” sacrifice. Some people mark the day by  
eating motzah.  
5:45 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

**Thursday, May 26 • 18 Iyyar**

Lag BaOmer

7:15 am | Morning minyan with no  
Tahanun  
5:45 pm | Minha/ma'ariv

**Friday, May 27 • 19 Iyyar**

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

**Saturday, May 28 • 20 Iyyar**

Parashat B'har

9:15 am | Sanctuary service  
Bat Mitzvah of Aaron Fig  
20 minutes after services | Minha

**Weekday minyan: Shaharit** Monday–Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and May 30 at 9:00 am.  
**Ma'ariv** Sunday–Thursday at 5:45 pm. Shabbat minha 20 minutes after the end of morning  
services. For the schedule of Congregational School Shabbat Experiences, see p. 14.

PAS clergy will preach and conduct services, with Colin Fowler at the organ; the Synagogue Choir: Eno  
Freeman, Yonah Gershator, Alex Guerrero, and Tim Krol; and the Synagogue Band: Gil Smuskowitz, bass;  
Mike Cohen, woodwinds; and Ronen Itzik, percussion. Abe Lebovic is our regular Torah Reader, and Mark  
Fraier is our Ritual Director.

**Can't make it to the synagogue?** PAS sanctuary services are live streamed. Visit [pasyn.org/webcast](http://pasyn.org/webcast).



# Synagogue Family

## בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH



**Abigail Orlinsky**  
May 7 | *Aharei Mot*  
Daughter of Dana & Ethan Orlinsky



**Barrie Elizabeth Davis**  
May 14 | *K'doshim*  
Daughter of Sandy & Mike Davis



**Navah Goldblum**  
May 14 | *K'doshim*  
Daughter of Tirzah Schwarz & Charles Goldblum  
Granddaughter of Malka Schwarz



**Alexander Soiefer**  
May 14 minha | *Emor*  
Son of Lucy Diamond and Ronald Soiefer



**Charlotte Soiefer**  
May 14 minha | *Emor*  
Daughter of Lucy Diamond and Ronald Soiefer



**Gabrielle Perkin**  
May 21 | *Emor*  
Daughter of Candace & Jonathan Perkin,  
Granddaughter of Joan & William Felder



**Justin Silver**  
May 21 | *Emor*  
Son of Nicole & Brad Silver  
Grandson of Joan & Sylvan Scheffler



**Aaron Fig**  
May 28 | *B'har*  
Son of Laura Sametz & Anton Fig

## מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

**Kimberly & Raphael Osnoss** on the birth of a son, Samuel Neil Osnoss

**Kendra & Scott Litner** on the birth of a son, Noah Litner

**Stefanie & Jon Ruch** on the birth of a daughter, Hanna Lily Ruch, and to grandparents Nancy and Joel Hirschtritt

## ברוכים הבאים WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Heather Landau & Daniel Pfeffer  
Lauren & Jason Behfarin  
Julia Harmon-Mintz & Edward Mintz  
Inbal & Harrison Denman

Ephrat & Jonathan Ofer  
Erika Landau & David Fraenkel  
Vanessa & Joseph Hallett  
Alison & Adam Pollock

## המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Elissa & Scott Drassinower on the loss of her mother, Mindy Elbaum

Howard Kaplan and Laird Kaplan on the loss of their wife and mother, Joyce Kaplan

Rabbi Lilly Kaufman on the loss of her father, Isaac J. Kaufman

Diane & Gerald Smallberg on the loss of her mother, Jacqueline Hilf

Steven Hirth on the loss of his mother, Ann Hirth

Beverly & Barry Goldsmith on the loss of their son, Jacob Goldsmith

Karen & Fred Kastenbaum and Cindie & Donald Kastenbaum on the loss of their mother and mother-in-law, Sydell Kastenbaum

Pearl Panes, Stephanie Panes, and Michael Panes on the loss of their husband and father, Jack S. Panes

Inge Silberman and Judy & Ary Freilich on the loss of Inge's husband and Judy's father, Kurt Silberman

Friends and family of Anne Katz

Cheri & Steve Friedman on the loss of her mother, Ruth Savits



# Weekly Classes

## MONDAY

### Siddur Hebrew 2

May 2, 9 | 6:30 pm | Marga Hirsch

### Shulhan Ivrit

May 16 | 7:00 pm | Varda Hubara

## TUESDAY

### Essential Essays

8:00 am, after minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

### Contemporary Jewish Thought

• May 3, 17, 24, 31 | 11:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

• May 10 | 11:30 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky | Justice in Prayer:

Looking for Tikkun Olam in *Siddur Lev Shalem*. We will explore excerpts from the new siddur and discuss prayer's role in bringing justice to the world.

### Adult Bat Mitzvah

6:30 pm | Cantor Shira Lissek and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

### The Challenge of Living with a Hyphenated Identity

May 17 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

## WEDNESDAY

### Traveling Down Siddur Lane:

### An Exploration of Prayers

8:00 am, after minyan | Abe Lebovic



### The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 1

May 18, 25 | 6:45 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek and Rabbi Charlie Savenor

**Note:** Class will meet on Tuesday, May 3, instead of on May 4, in order not to conflict with the Yom HaShoah commemoration. No class on May 11, for the celebration of Yom HaAtzma'ut.

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### Exploring Judaism

7:00 pm | at Sutton Place Synagogue | Rabbi Joel Shaiman

## THURSDAY

### The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Year 2

9:15 am | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

### Foundations of Jewish Family Living: Jewish Values for Parents to Share with Their Children

May 5, 19 | 9:20 am | Debbie Cosgrove

### Library Lunch & Learn

12:00 pm

• May 5 | Rabbi Charlie Savenor

• May 12 | Insights from Israel via Skype with Rabbi Michael Graetz

• May 19 | Marc Schumann (DOROT ARSP fellow)



MARC SCHUMANN, 19, graduated high school in Chemnitz, Saxony (Germany) and is spending this year as a volunteer with Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP) program. He was interested

in working with the elderly and with people who are socially disadvantaged. Marc was excited to be placed at DOROT, where he has been exposed to different cultures within the older population. Marc visits seven Holocaust survivors on a regular basis and supports DOROT's Homelessness Prevention Program. Following this year of service, Marc plans to return to Germany to study social science or politics.

May 26 | TBA

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### Exploring Judaism

7:00 pm | at Brotherhood Synagogue | Rabbi Benjamin Resnick

## FRIDAY

### Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study

May 13, 20, 27 | 8:00 am, after minyan | Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky

### Caffeine for the Soul: *Siddur Lev Shalem*

Friday | May 6 | 9:15 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Join the rabbi for another study session in preparation for the dedication of our new siddur.

### Women in the Bible

May 13 | 9:15 am | Debbie Cosgrove

## SATURDAY

### Parashat HaShavua | No class

May 14 (TGIS) | 8:45 am

For additional information about classes listed here, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or on [posyn.org](http://posyn.org).

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to [posyn.org](http://posyn.org) and click on "Adult Education." On the left side of the page, click on "Classes" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Beth Levick at 212-369-4900, x146.



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## Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday | May 2 | 8:00 pm

*Suspended Sentences: Three Novellas*  
by Patrick Modiano

Open only to Men's Club members

## Torah on Tap

Thursday | May 5 | 7:30 pm

Rabbi Neil Zuckerman and rabbinical intern Bryan Wexler will introduce *Siddur Lev*

*Shalem*. Please note: The venue will be different from our usual spot.

RSVP to [pasmensclub@pasyn.org](mailto:pasmensclub@pasyn.org), and we will send you the new location.

## Yom HaShoah

Wednesday | May 4

6:30 pm | Commemoration

7:30 pm | Conversation with Father Patrick Desbois



Led by Cantor Lissek, PAS's annual Yom HaShoah observance illustrates the theme of tragedy to rebirth as members share stories of their families' experiences during and after the Holocaust. We will learn from Father Desbois, a Catholic

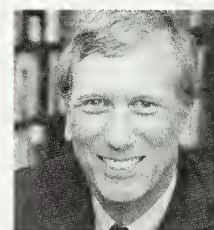


priest who has devoted his life to researching the Holocaust, fighting anti-Semitism, and furthering relations between Catholics and Jews. In a presentation co-sponsored by JTS, Father Desbois, who has appeared on CBS's "60 Minutes," will dialogue with Rabbi Cosgrove about his book *Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews*. Father Desbois is President of Yahad-In Unum, a global humanitarian organization he founded to identify and commemorate the sites of Jewish and Roma mass executions in Eastern Europe during World War II.

Sponsored by JTS@PAS

## Seminary Shabbat with Chancellor Arnold Eisen, JTS

*Jews, Politics and the Covenant with Messiah*  
Saturday | May 7 | 9:15 am | Sanctuary Service



ARNOLD M. EISEN, one of the world's foremost authorities on American Judaism, is the seventh chancellor of JTS. Since taking office in 2007, Chancellor Eisen has transformed and enhanced

JTS's notable reputation and global reach.

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

## Knit & Nosh

Wednesday | May 10 | 9:15 am

Our monthly knitting group alternates morning and evening meetings so that more people can participate. Come to improve your knitting or to learn from scratch. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill or experience. Make something for yourself or an item to donate to those in need.



## Celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut 68 at PAS

Wednesday | May 11

• 5:30 pm | Zimriyah | Congregational School Hebrew song festival

• 6:00 pm | Window on Israel | Discussion led by Rabbi Zuckerman and rabbis of the UES

• 7:00 pm | 2nd annual UES Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration with JNF | Reading of the Declaration of Independence, remarks and songs with rabbis, cantors, and youths of the UES

• 8:30 pm | L'chaim to Israel! | Israeli Wine Tasting

For details see [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and the "This Week at PAS" email.



[pasyn.org/calendar](http://pasyn.org/calendar)

GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT PAS PROGRAMS, EVENTS & SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT [WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR).



### Women's Network Film Series *Welcome to Kutsher's*

Tuesday | May 10 | 1:00 pm

Until it was demolished in 2014, Kutsher's was the last surviving large Jewish resort in the Catskills. This award-winning documentary looks at its rise, glorious heyday, and eventual fall.

Sponsored by Women's Network

### Cooking in Kehillah: Say Cheesecake

Thursday | May 12 | 6:45 pm

Like the earlier sessions in this series, this pre-Shavuot workshop will be an opportunity to learn about Jewish food while baking, eating, and drinking with friends. In addition, we'll learn something about *Siddur Lev Shalem*, the new prayer book the synagogue will adopt later this month.

This event is fully booked. Email [womensnetwork@posyn.org](mailto:womensnetwork@posyn.org) to be added to the waitlist.

### Shabbat Dinner Series and Shabbat Afternoon Talk With Professor Stephen Berk

Friday | May 13

6:15 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat

7:30 pm | Dinner and Lecture: *Prague: The Golem City*

Saturday | May 14 | 12:30 pm | Talk:  
*Budapest: The City of the Future that Did Not Become the Future*

Cost for Friday dinner: \$45/members; \$65/general, \$30/children under 12. Register by: Monday, May 8 at 5:00 pm.



DR. STEPHEN BERK is the Henry and Solly Schoffer Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. He is the former Chair of the Department of History, Director of the Program in Russian and Eastern European Studies and helps advise the Hillel at Union. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and is currently writing a book entitled, *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1954-1965*. Dr. Berk has been a consultant to the Wiesenthal Holocaust Center in Los Angeles and is frequently consulted by newspaper reporters and by television and radio stations. A superb lecturer, he is one of the most sought-after instructors at Union.

Sponsored by Women's Network and the  
Rothschild Library

### Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday | May 16 | 11:00 am

*The Lady in Gold* by Anne-Marie O'Connor

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

### Mitzvah Monday

Monday | May 16 | 11:30 am

Adult volunteers serve hot lunch to isolated, poor, homeless, and mentally ill seniors at Educational Alliance's Project ORE.

Please RSVP to Marissa Cinnamon at [cinnamonm@ujofedny.org](mailto:cinnamonm@ujofedny.org) or 212-836-1899.

### A Taste of Melton: *Sefirat HaOmer*

Thursday | May 19 | 9:15 am | Rabbi  
Neil Zuckerman

Find out what all the buzz is about! Teaching about the seven-week period between Pesah and Shavuot, Rabbi Zuckerman will use Melton's text-based approach to give you a taste of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning. Beth Levick will explain the logistics of the Melton program and will be available to answer questions.

### Head Into Summer with YCG

Thursday | May 19 | 7:30 pm

Join the Young Couples Group for treats and cocktails at the home of one of the officers of PAS. It will be an opportunity to meet other synagogue members, and we'll also have an introduction to the new prayer book *Siddur Lev Shalem*. Space will be limited.

RSVP at [posyn.org](http://posyn.org) to receive the location.





## This Month at PAS

To register for Adult Education classes and events, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on "Adult Education." On the left side of the page, click on "Classes" or on the event and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call Beth Levick at 212-369-4900, x146.

*Sponsored by Tikkun Olam*

### Toiletries Drive for Ronald McDonald House

Monday–Friday | May 23–27 | Bins in the Lobby

Please donate unopened full size toiletries for the families at Ronald McDonald House, which provides a temporary "home away from home" for pediatric cancer patients and their families. Needed items include band-aids, soap, sanitary napkins, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, mouthwash, diapers, tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes, chopsticks, and hand sanitizers.

*Sponsored by Women's Network*

### Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | May 24 | 1:00 pm

Come for Yiddish stories, poetry, and conversation, with an emphasis on stories by Sholem Aleichem himself.

*Save the Date!*

### Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday | June 5

March up 5th Avenue with PAS friends and thousands of others to celebrate and support Israel. Check [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) for our step-off time and location.



## Caring Network

Supporting congregants and their families during times of transition, the Caring Network offers solace during times of illness, suffering, loss, and grief, and also reaches out to families during times of joy. For assistance from the Caring Network or to volunteer, please contact Rabbi Neil Zuckerman at [nzuckerman@pasyn.org](mailto:nzuckerman@pasyn.org) or 212-369-4900, x124.

*A service of The Jewish Board*

### Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Tuesdays | By appointment | Shira Felberbaum, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Shira Felberbaum at [sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org](mailto:sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org) or 212-632-4735, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman.

*A service of DOROT*

### Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and Their Caregivers

By appointment | Jane Blumenstein, LMSW

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Jane Blumenstein at [JBlumenstein@dorotusa.org](mailto:JBlumenstein@dorotusa.org) or 212-769-2850, or contact Rabbi Zuckerman. Note: our regular DOROT social worker, Yael Kornfeld, is on maternity leave and will return in the fall.



## The Edmond de Rothschild Library

[pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary](http://pasyn.org/rothschildlibrary)

Director: Marga Hirsch

### Library Hours

Monday–Thursday | 12:00–5:45 pm

Friday | by appointment

Marga is in at other times as well; you are always welcome.

Did you know? The Rothschild Library is a lending library where members may check out books, DVDs and CDs. The collection includes classic and contemporary fiction, biographies, history, Biblical interpretation, and guides to Jewish living, also memoirs, short stories, poetry, and cookbooks. There are books for every age from 2 to 120. Browse the catalog and virtual shelves online, or come in and choose a book from the shelf.

The library is closed during classes:

Mondays, 6:30–9:00 pm

Wednesdays, 6:30–9:00 pm



# Gallery

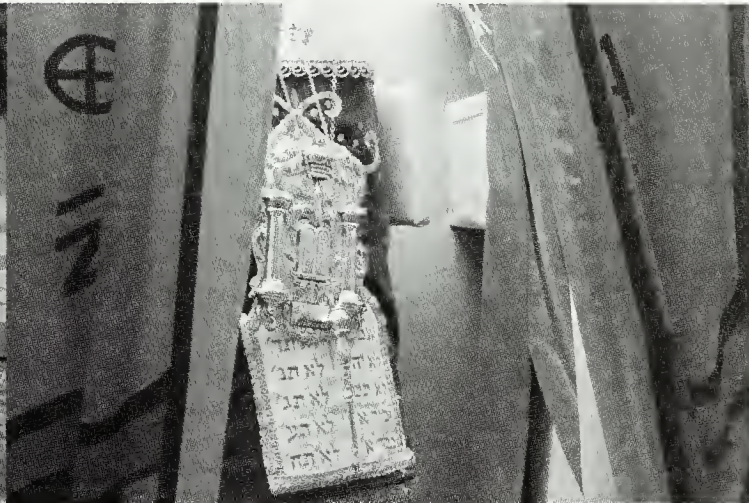
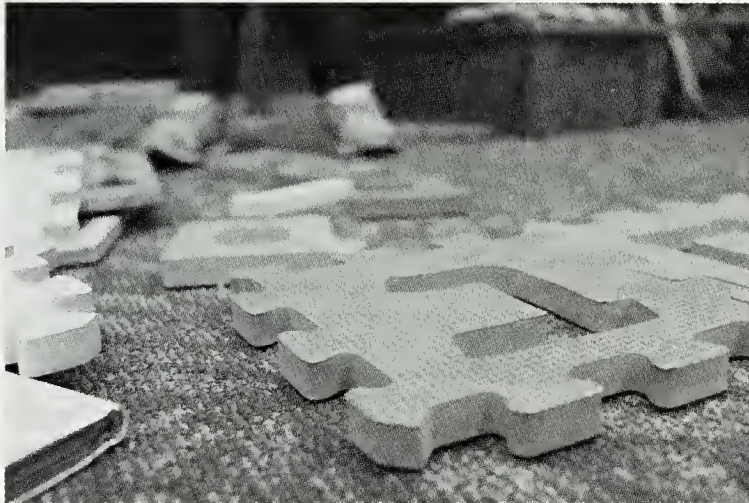
## The Jewish Lens: Moments of Meaningful Jewish Learning

May–August

Opening | Wednesday | May 4 | 5:30 pm

Zayin learners spent the year exploring photography and Jewish identity. They reflected on their Jewish learning from their early years until now, picked pivotal moments that made them feel most connected to Judaism, and then re-created those moments in photographs. Park Avenue Synagogue has been partnering with The Jewish Lens since

its inception in 2003. Combining arts and experiential education through the universal medium of photography, The Jewish Lens provides learners an entry point to Jewish study, skills development, and an opportunity to share their voice – their lens – with others.



FROM THE RITA AND GEORGE M. SHAPIRO AUDIO ARCHIVE

## Yom HaAtzma'ut 1988

SUZANNE AISENBERG, CHAIR, ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Recordings of commissioned liturgical works premiered at Park Avenue Synagogue are a major component of the Shapiro Audio Archive. The 40th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel was marked at PAS on April 30, 1988, with the Twelfth Annual Shabbat Morning Liturgical Music Service (in memory of Sarah & Samuel Shapiro, z"l). The service, entitled "Bless the Land with Peace," highlighted contemporary compositions that had as their texts Shabbat liturgy with the central themes of Israel and returning to the land.

*Siddur Sim Shalom*, the prayer book that had been adopted at PAS in 1986, included a revised version of the prayer *Tikanta Shabbat*, "Lead us to joy in our land." Cantor Jerome Kopmar was commissioned to write the first musical composition for this version of the text, which – as noted in the April 30th program – is "modeled on the original [text and] includes biblical references to a restored Israel." Kopmar's piece is an "antiphonal presentation in Hebrew and English with classical and contemporary musical forms and traditional Cantorial motifs."

Also of note in the service is the music composed by David Nowakowsky (1848-1921) for *Tikvatenu*, the 1878 poem by Naftali Herz Imber now known as *Hatikvah*, the Israeli national anthem. Nowakowsky's composition, premiered at the 1901 Zionist Conference, had been lost for more than eight decades. In the 1980s, Cantor David Lefkowitz uncovered various handwritten manuscript fragments of the poem in Hebrew and Russian as well as musical fragments of the composition; he then conceived the arrangement premiered at this music service.

Other highlights of the musical service included the premiere of a new work by composer/conductor Abraham Kaplan, *Prayer for Peace*, and *Vay'hi binsoa ha-aron/Ki mi-tzion teitzei Torah*, Out of Zion shall go forth the Torah, by Cantor Jacob Lefkowitz.

Visit the Shapiro Audio Archive page on the PAS website to hear excerpts from these compositions and other pieces from this important liturgical music service. We hope you enjoy this piece of PAS history.



# Youth Education & Events

For additional information about all youth events, please look in the Winter/Spring Program Catalog or on [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org).

## Young Family Education

For latest information, sign up to receive Young Family Education email. Visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Email Sign up. Questions? Contact Malka Lowenstein, Director of YFE, at [mloenstein@pasyn.org](mailto:mloenstein@pasyn.org) or 212-369-4900, x140.

To register for any YFE program, go to [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event. For dinners, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible until the Wednesday before.

### YFE TODDLER & ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Spring semester afterschool activities conclude the week of May 16.  
Toddler classes conclude the week of May 23.

### SUMMER 2016

#### June Mini-Semester

Thursdays | June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cost for either class: \$250/members; \$300/general

- **Kitah Rishonah (First Class)**

11:15 am–12:00 pm | Ages 10–16 months with an adult

Offering an introductory Jewish group experience with music, we will sing kid-friendly songs for Shabbat, holidays and every day.

- **HaMishpachah Sheli (My Family)**

9:30–10:30 am | Ages: 17–23 months with an adult

Children will explore Jewish themes and holidays through stories, song, movement, arts and crafts and free play.

#### YFE Bridge Camp with DramaZone®!

For children ages 3–5

Week 1: June 6–10 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Week 2: June 14–17 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Bridge the gap between school and summer camp with singing, dancing, sports, Judaic & seasonal arts & crafts, yoga, puppet theatre, kosher nut free snacks, rooftop play, and of course drama! Space is limited. Sign up now on [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) under Young Family Education.

**Cost:**

Week 1: \$595/members, \$625/general

Week 2: \$475/members, \$500/general

Weeks 1 & 2: \$995/members, \$1,115/general

### YFE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### Tot TGIS: Thank God It's Shabbat for Little Ones

Saturday | May 14 | 11:15 am | with Rabbi Witkovsky and Malka Lowenstein

Find your place in the PAS Shabbat experience as we delight in Shabbat with parachutes, puppets, and prayer! Children ages 0–6 together with parents, grandparents or other caring adults are invited for a lively 45-minute service concluding with Kiddush and a light snack.

#### Tiny Treasures and Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Families with Young Children

Friday | May 20 | Service, 5:00 pm, Dinner, 5:30 pm

Families with children ages 0–6 are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly service, when we will honor and welcome our “Tiny Treasures,” children who are 1–2 years old. Children with May birthdays will also receive a birthday blessing and a small gift. Afterwards we will have a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program.

Cost: \$45/members; \$50/general; \$20/children

### SHABBAT & HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

#### Shirat Shabbat

Fridays | May 6, 13 | 9:10 am | For parents and toddlers age 3 and under

Join Rabbi Witkovsky and Malka Lowenstein to prepare to welcome Shabbat. We will sing, dance, play rhythm instruments and tell stories with puppets and flannel board figures.

**Register now for Fall 2016!** Choose from a variety of classes for babies, toddlers and young children. Bring your friends and meet new ones! For the full list of classes, visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) and click on Young Family Education.



Sponsored by the Rothschild Library | **Kids' Shabbat Book Basket** | Look for the book basket just outside the Sanctuary. Let your children enjoy the books during services and return them so that others may read them next week.



## Spring has Sprung in the ECC!



FROM PAMELA B. SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR

**E**ach season brings new learning opportunities in the PASECC. This month we will celebrate the holiday of Lag BaOmer for the first time. The traditions of Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day in the count of 49 days

from Pesah to Shavuot, are associated with stories of Rabbi Akiva. When the Romans forbade Torah study, Rabbi Akiva's students would pretend that they were going out hunting and then meet in the fields to study. In Israel, Lag BaOmer is a day for picnics and outdoor sports. In the ECC, we will teach children that this is a time to welcome spring and be festive. We will have a field day, spending time playing outside and learning about the celebrations in Israel. Legend has it that the students of Rabbi Akiva became ill because they did not treat each other with respect, and that the illness let up on Lag BaOmer. While we will not tell our young students about the illness, we will make Lag BaOmer a day when we especially reinforce the value of *derekh eretz*, treating each other with respect, which we have emphasized all year. We expect to have a great time!

### **Applications Available: Early Childhood Center 2017-18**

Beginning on May 2, PAS member families who would like to apply to the PASECC for the 2017-18 school year may call the school (212-369-4900, x150) and request an application form. We look forward to hearing from your family. Thank you in advance for your interest in the ECC.

All children who were born before May 1, 2015 are eligible for school in September 2017. The PASECC adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been longtime active members of the synagogue are given special consideration; however, because of limitations on class size and the need to balance groups in a variety of ways, membership does not guarantee acceptance.

There is an application fee of \$70 per child. The application process includes a visit and tour of the school by one or both parents and a separate visit with the child.

## Modern Holidays



FROM JENNIFER STERN GRANOWITZ,

**M**ay is the month of the "Yom Ha's" – Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Day of Remembrance) and Yom

HaAtzma'ut (Israel's Independence Day). Since these holidays are recent additions to the Jewish calendar, all commemorating events in modern history, they are not mentioned in the Bible and there are no ancient laws about how to celebrate them. Yom HaAtzma'ut begins at sunset just as Yom HaZikaron is ending. Though this can be a difficult juxtaposition, the sadness of the one day and the happiness of the next are both embraced wholeheartedly. While Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzma'ut might seem to be holidays for Israelis only, the "Yom Ha's" are an opportunity for Jews around the world to feel connected as a Jewish people.

At our Congregational School, there are opportunities to celebrate and commemorate all of these days in age-appropriate ways. The older learners will commemorate Yom HaShoah during their weekly *tefillah* (prayer service). All kids will celebrate Yom HaAtzma'ut at our schoolwide programming the week of May 2. To close out the year, we will have a *Zimriyah* (Hebrew song festival) for kids and their families Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 pm during the week of May 9, when each grade will perform a Hebrew song.

While the end of the school year may be near, there is a lot going on in our Congregational School!



## Congregational School

For program details and up-to-date information, please rely on the weekly school newsletter.

## Schedule of Congregational School & Youth Events

**Monday–Thursday | May 2–5 | School-wide Yom HaAtzma'ut programs**

**Saturday | May 7 | Shabbat Experience**

9:30–9:55 am | PAS Youth Choir

10:00 am–12:00 pm | Gimel, Dalet, Hey, & Vav (3-6) Learners | PAS

11:00 am–12:00 pm | Gan, Alef and Bet (K–2) Family Shabbat Experience | Liederkrantz\*

**Monday–Wednesday | May 9–11 | Last week of classes**

5:30 pm | Zimriyah (Hebrew song festival)

**Friday | May 13 | 7:30 pm (after Kabbalat Shabbat) | K-7 Family Shabbat Dinner**

\*6 East 87th Street between Madison & Fifth Avenues.

### POSTCARD FROM CAMP

**F**or kids on their way to a Jewish summer camp, the end of school can't come soon enough. We asked two Ramah Berkshires campers – Harris Cohen, 10, and Alexandra Zwiebel, 11 – to tell us what they're excited about.

#### What is a typical day like at Camp Ramah?

Morning prayers, breakfast, bunk chores, sports, Hebrew, electives, lunch, rest time for writing letters, another elective, swimming, dinner, an age-group activity, and singing before bed.

#### What is your favorite activity at camp?

*Harris:* Cooking, music, and swimming in the lake.

*Alexandra:* Radio. Ramah has its own station. We played music for the whole camp and got to speak on air.

#### What is your favorite place at camp?

*Harris:* Ha-agam, the lake.

*Alexandra:* The amphitheater by the lake. On Friday night all campers dress in white for Shabbat, and we sing and dance.

#### What do you miss most during the school year?

*Harris:* My camp friends.

*Alexandra:* Aside from my friends, I miss the amazing activities and environment.



For information on Jewish camps, please contact co-chairs Chono Zimmerman (chano.zimmerman@gmail.com) and Vonesso Woye (vonesso@ourwoye.com) or Director of the Congregation School, Jennifer Stern Gronowitz (jgronowitz@posyn.org).



For more information and to register, see the Teen Weekly email or contact Hallie Chandler, [hchandler@pasyn.org](mailto:hchandler@pasyn.org) or 212-369-4900, x147.

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## Let's Learn

**Rabbi Judah Nadich High School meets every Wednesday evening with different mini-courses taking place every few weeks. Please register via the Teen Weekly email.**

*For 8th graders*

**Rosh Hodesh, It's a Girl Thing & Shevet Achim, Brotherhood**  
Monday | May 9 | 6:00 pm

Led by Hallie Chandler and Daniel Sternberg, these experiential education groups cultivate Jewish identity with fun communal experiences. The groups provide a safe space to be with one another while addressing topics such as leadership, self-esteem, friendship, competition, power and pleasure.

*For Grades 11 & 12 only*

**Late Night with Rabbi Witkovsky**  
Wednesday | May 18 | 7:30 pm

Join the rabbi in his office once a month for a discussion of the most interesting topics of today, tomorrow, and hundreds of years ago. No prior knowledge needed. Please bring friends, whether they are PAS members or not.

**Parent and Teen Shabbat Study with Rabbi Cosgrove**

Saturday | May 21 | 4:00 pm

Post-Bnei Mitzvah learners and their parents are invited to meet at Rabbi Cosgrove's apartment for study, schmoozing, snacks and Shabbat fun!

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## Let's Lead

**Teen A Cappella**

REHEARSAL

Saturday | May 7 | 4:00 pm | at Cantor Azi Schwartz's home

PERFORMANCE

Wednesday | May 11 | Yom HaAtzma'ut celebration

**Rock Band**

Thursdays | May 5, 12, 19 | 6:00 pm

Exploring contemporary Jewish music, this group plays and sings together. *To learn more, contact Eliana Light at [elight@pasyn.org](mailto:elight@pasyn.org).*

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## Let's Do

**PAS Food Pantry**

PACKING

Wed | May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:00 pm

DISTRIBUTION

Fridays | May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:45 pm

*Contact co-directors Adam First, Matthew Goren, or Caroline Silver, or volunteer coordinator Davis Haupt on the PAS Food Pantry Facebook page for more information.*

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## Let's Go

**Hamilton**

• **Discussion: Hamilton & the Jews** | Wed | May 11 | 6:00 pm

• **Hamilton on Broadway** | Mon | May 16 | 7:00 pm

Better than Broadway! Join us at PAS for a 2-for-1 on Wednesday, May 11: first, an inspiring conversation about Alexander Hamilton and his relationship with the Jews; and then, the community Yom HaAtzma'ut party. The *Hamilton* performance is sold out, but please come to the *Hamilton* class and celebration.

**Camp Celebration and Send-off**

Friday | May 20 | *For all camp families*

5:00-6:10 pm | **Activities**

6:15 pm | **Kabbalat Shabbat**

Wear your camp shirts and come for pre-Shabbat activities – *rikud* (dance), making pillow cases, graffiti walls, s'mores, letter preparation and more – before you go off for the *kayitz* (summer). Stay afterwards for Kabbalat Shabbat in the main sanctuary as we say *Shalom and L'hitra'ot*. We'll miss you, and we look forward to hearing about your camping experiences when you return in the fall!



# Youth Education & Events

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## PAS Teens & Youth

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Let's Go continued

### End of Year Senior Send-off

Saturday/Shabbat | May 21 | 1:00 pm

All PAS members of the class of 2016 are invited to Rabbi Cosgrove's home for a special parent/teen learning session. Join the PAS Teen community as we take the opportunity to say goodbye before you head off to college or gap years.

3rd-5th Grade

### Lag BaOmer Field Day

Sunday | May 22 | TBA

Races, sports, trivia, and a picnic – enjoy the outdoors and celebrate with PAS friends.

### Cream, Crumbs, or Cocoa with Hallie Anytime!

Hallie Chandler invites anyone in grades 7-12 for an ice cream, a cupcake, or a drink of choice. Please take her up on it! She is eager to meet PAS teens and pre-teens. If you would like to set up a time for yourself or volunteer a young person in your life to meet Hallie, please contact her at hchandler@pasyn.org. Her door is always open.

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Mazal tov to all our college graduates!

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Sign up now!

**Bnei Mitzvah Family Israel Trip | December 17-27, 2016**

Travel with Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Zuckerman.

Visit pasyn.org for details.



# PAS 20s and 30s

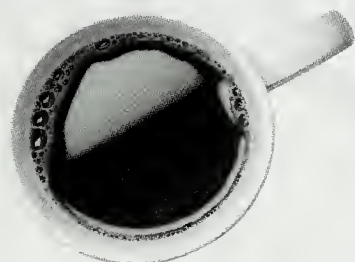
Join Shabbat dinner groups, small learning groups, events, and social action programs. Activities are open to all PAS 20s and 30s and their friends (synagogue membership not required). To see more activities, visit the synagogue website. *If you are interested in this new network, either for yourself or for a family member or friend, contact Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky, ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*

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## Coffee with a Rabbi

**Anytime**

Rabbi Witkovsky invites anyone out for a cup of coffee (or stronger beverage). *If you would like to take him up on that, or if you would like to volunteer a 20- or 30-something in your life to have coffee, please contact the rabbi at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*



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## Ramah Minyan at PAS

**Friday | May 6 | 7:15 pm**

Come once a month for an open Friday evening with the Ramah Minyan. After a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat, stay for drinks and food. It's spiritual, it's social, it's ramahvelous! All are welcome.

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## BrainThirsty

**Monday | May 9 | 7:45 pm**

Your brain is thirsty; fill it with thought and beverages. Come once a month for drinks and discussion as we bring Jewish and non-Jewish sources to bear on big questions. Each session will focus on a different theme or idea, so if you miss one, you can catch the next one, no problem. Feel free to bring friends. *If you would like to host your own group for your friends at an office or apartment, please contact Rabbi Witkovsky. New groups are forming all the time.*

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## Meals at the Mission

**Sunday | May 15 | 5:30-7:00 pm**

Serve a meal and a community. Head down to the Bowery Mission to help prepare and serve food.

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## Shabbat Dinner Any Week or Every Week

**Fridays | 7:30 pm**

*If you would like to host a Shabbat dinner with the help of PAS and the online hub OneTable, or if you are interested in attending a Shabbat dinners hosted by Rabbi Witkovsky, please contact him at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.*



**pasyn.org/calendar**

GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT PAS PROGRAMS, EVENTS & SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT [WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.PASYN.ORG/CALENDAR).



# Contributions

February 20 – March 23, 2016

## ADULT EDUCATION FUND

Barbara Weinstein & Louis Bernstein, in honor of Nan & Howard Rubin in gratitude for their wonderful and caring stewardship of the Israel trip.

## CANTOR LISSEK'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

James Goldman, in honor of the birthday of Hazzan Leon Lissek and the birthday of Justice Michal Lissek.

## CANTOR SCHWARTZ'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Matthew Galinac.  
Phyllis Leventhal, in loving memory of her father Dr. Leo Braun.  
Judith & Jeffrey Poss.  
In honor of Cantor Azi Schwartz on the occasion of his being honored at the PAS Gala:  
Phyllis Barber  
Jennifer & Peter Bernstein  
Varda Hubara  
Ms. Phyllis Levinberg & Dr. Brian Kushner  
Howard, Holly, Avery and Jordan Levinson  
Terry Dudnick Taffer  
Laura Newmark & Matthew Zaklad.

## CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL FUND FUND

Tamara Kossoff, in memory of Harold Geringer.  
Tamara Kossoff, in memory of Stephen Wolnek.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FUND

Susan, Jeff, Sam, Adam and Jeremy Silverman, in honor of Dr. Howard Rutman's birthday.

## FOOD PANTRY

Karen Bass, in memory of Murray Edelstein.  
Karen Bass, in memory of Julie Hiraga Stolzberg.  
Barbara Delgado, in memory of Morris Brownstein.  
Myra Freed & Seth Orlow, in loving memory of Pearl Lander, mother of Guy Lander, mother-in-law of Rosanne Lander, grandmother of Rachel and Harold Lander.  
Dorothy Lang, in memory of her beloved husband, Joseph Lang.  
Phyllis Leventhal, in gratitude.  
Mara & Michael Meehan, in memory of Leonard Isaacson.  
Mara & Michael Meehan, in memory of Edith Moses.  
Jean Miller, in memory of Peter Fischer.  
Mendelle & Martin Milston, in honor of the bat mitzvah of Lily Zuckerman.  
Sharon Oberman, in honor of her birthday.  
Ruth Rothseid, in memory of her father, Dr. Albert Rothseid.  
Ruth Rothseid, in memory of her grandparents, Lillian & David Braidy.  
Joan & Sylvan Scheffler, in memory of Sydell Kastenbaum, beloved mother of Fred Kastenbaum.  
The Yablon Family Foundation, Inc.

## PRAYER BOOK FUND

Susan & Harris Amster, in memory of Ezra J. Denerstein.  
Erica & David Friedman, in honor of Lily Zuckerman becoming a bat mitzvah.

## RABBI COSGROVE'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Howard Kaplan, in memory of Joyce Kaplan.  
Rabbi Jan Caryl Kaufman, in memory of her father, Stanley Kaufman.  
Kane & Martin Nussbaum, in honor of the wedding of their daughter, Caroline Nussbaum, and Benjamin Halpern.  
Laurie Stein & Michael Bigley, in appreciation of Rabbi Cosgrove's officiating at the funeral for Joyce Kaplan.  
Hope & Glenn Taitz, in honor of Joan Scheffler.  
Robert Tetenbaum, in honor of his birthday.  
Pauline & Milt Zablow, in memory of her mother, Dora Fields.

## RABBI WITKOVSKY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ellen Braverman & Morton Mackof, in loving memory of William & Gladys Freed, parents of Myra Freed, parents-in-law of Seth Orlow, grandparents of Emma Orlow.  
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Ellen Braverman & Morton Mackof, in loving memory of Pearl Lander, mother of Guy Lander, mother-in-law of Rosanne Lander, grandmother of Rachel and Harold Lander.  
David Dane, in memory of David Rush.  
Myra Freed & Seth Orlow, in honor of Rabbi Witkovsky's warmth, friendship, kindness, and compassion at the time of Leah Orlow's death.  
Myra Freed & Seth Orlow, in loving memory of Barbara Roth Braverman, mother of Ellen Braverman, mother-in-law of Mort Mackof, grandmother of Alex Mackof.  
Judith & Jeffrey Poss.

## RABBI ZUCKERMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bruce Hochberg, in memory of Ronald Hochberg.  
Gail & Dennis Karr and family.  
Judith & Jeffrey Poss.  
Mazal tov to Lily Zuckerman on her bat mitzvah!  
Dorothy & Joseph Bamberger  
Shira & Lee Bressler  
Erica & David Friedman  
Dena & Mark Hirsch  
Varda Hubara  
Jane & Stanley Kreinik  
Suzette, Andres, Noah and Alexa Rubinstein  
Phyllis Spiro and Paul Donahue  
Adult Bat Mitzvah Class of 2016.

## TIKKUN OLAM FUND

Barbara Weinstein & Louis Bernstein, in honor of the marriage of Erica Temel & Max Levine.  
Barbara Weinstein & Louis Bernstein, in honor of Bill Harrow's milestone birthday.

## YOUNG FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Ellen & Joel Goldwasser, in honor of the naming of their granddaughter Remi.

## GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Ross Abelow, in memory of his father.  
Babette Balis, in memory of her father, Walter Hoexter.  
Dorothy & Joseph Bamberger, in memory of Neils Bamberger, brother of Rabbi Ib Nathan Bamberger and Helen Bamberger.  
William Bermont, in memory of his mother.  
Vivian Bernstein, in honor of her birthday.  
Vivian Bernstein, in memory of Marie Holub.  
Michael Borodkin, in memory of Mildred Kornhauser.  
Michael Brenner, in honor of his birthday.  
Josh Cherwin, in loving memory of Joan Beren, mother of Amy Bressman.  
Bradley Corben, in memory of Abraham Slovin.  
Linda Daitz, in memory of William Rosenberg.  
Terry Edelstein, in honor of Wendy & Ian Sacks.  
Florence Edelstein, in honor of her birthday.  
Elizabeth Feiner, in memory of Pearl Cooper.  
Lori Fodale, in memory of Martin Fainblatt.  
Lenore Friedman and family, in memory of Judy Roberts, beloved mother of Erica Friedman.  
Wayne Fuchs, in honor of his birthday.  
Gail Furman, in memory of Alvin Gorin.  
Alan Jacobs, in memory of Shirley Jacobs.  
Howard Goldschein, in memory of Josef Goldschein.  
Mark Goodman.  
Judy & Mark Goodman, in memory of Sydell Kastenbaum.  
David Greenbaum, in memory of Hannah Greenbaum.

Ellen & Efraim Grinberg, in honor of Cantor Azi Schwartz.  
Alex & Lisa Grinberg, in honor of Cantor Azi Schwartz.  
Diane & David Hess, in honor of Jacob Harris Hess.  
Alan Hirschfeld, in honor of his birthday.  
Nancy & Joel Hirschtritt, in memory of Jacob Goldsmith.  
Nancy & Joel Hirschtritt, in memory of Sydell Kastenbaum.  
Shelley Holm, in memory of Murry Erlich.  
Barbara & Neal Kaplan, in honor of their anniversary.  
Lois & Terry Karnovsky, in memory of Pearl Lander, mother of Guy Lander.  
Lois & Terry Karnovsky, in memory of Marcia Saft.  
Henry Katz, in memory of his father.  
Carol & Gershon Kekst.  
David & Penny Klein, in honor of Casey Klein & Loren Guttman Klein's second wedding anniversary.  
Ms. Phyllis Levinberg & Dr. Brian Kushner, in memory of Sylvia Levinberg.  
Ms. Phyllis Levinberg & Dr. Brian Kushner, in memory of Irving Levinberg.  
Susan Lemor, in honor of her birthday.  
Steven & Sandy Lenger, in memory of Milton Bernstein.  
Leona Leon, in loving memory of her father, David Benjamin.  
Joan Levine Levenson, in honor of her birthday.  
Joan Levine Levenson & Martin Levenson, in honor of their anniversary.  
Martin Levenson, in honor of his birthday.  
Elizabeth Lewis, in honor of her birthday.  
Kendra & Scott Litner, in honor of their anniversary.  
Heidi Mandel, in memory of Samuel Freeman.  
Jane Matthews, in memory of William Zheutlin.  
Robert Miller, in memory of Minnie Miller.  
Sheila Miller, in memory of Anne Baker.  
Amy & Peter Miller, in memory of Jacqueline Hilf, mother of Diane Smallberg.  
Rita Ungar Moser & Nathan Moser, in honor of their anniversary.  
Dr. Susan Murkofsky, in memory of June Sherkow.  
Dr. Barton Nisonson, in honor of his birthday.  
Morris Orden, in honor of his birthday.  
Suzanne Plotch, in honor of her birthday.  
Maris & Andrew Rosenberg, in honor of the wedding of Rebecca Corwin, daughter of Anne & Paul Corwin.  
Shereen & Howard Rutman, in memory of Jacqueline Hilf.  
Shereen & Howard Rutman, in memory of Sydell Kastenbaum.  
Florence Seligman, in memory of Nathan Seligman.  
Esther Silver, in memory of Pauline Altfeld.  
Daryl Simon, in memory of Janice Davidson.  
The Steiner Family, wishing mazal tov to the Hess family on Jacob becoming a bar mitzvah.  
Elizabeth Tananbaum, in memory of Jacob Belfer.  
Nancy Treiger, in memory of Betty Rosenfeld.  
Nancy Treiger, in memory of Ann Davis.  
Eve Urvater, in memory of Rona B. Feuer.  
Lauren Veronis, in memory of Rae Nelson.  
Dr. Janet Weisberg-Samuels, in honor of her birthday.  
Holly & Jonathan Youngwood, in honor of Lana Wagner becoming a bat mitzvah.  
Robertta Zuckerman, in memory of Tillie Greebel.

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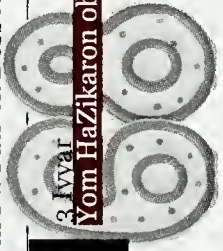
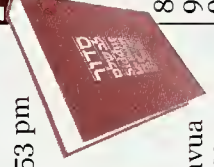



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# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 23 Nisan	<b>2</b> 24 Nisan  ECC 2017-18 applications available for PAS members 6:30 pm Siddur Hebrew 8:00 pm Book Discuss Grp	<b>3</b> 25 Nisan  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 6:45 pm Melton 1	<b>4</b> 26 Nisan  8:00 am Siddur Lane 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 5:30 pm Jewish Lens opening 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:30 pm Yom HaShoah Commemoration 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:30 pm Fr. Patrick Desbois	<b>5</b> 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah  9:15 am Melton 2 9:20 am Foundations 12:00 pm Library L&L 6:00 pm Rock Band 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:30 pm MC Torah on Tap	<b>6</b> 28 Nisan Candles, 7:40 pm  9:10 am Shirat Shabbat 9:15 am Caffeine for Soul 3:45 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 pm Ramah Minyan	<b>7</b> 29 Nisan Aharei Mot  8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service Seminary Shabbat 9:30 am Youth Choir 10:00 am CS Shabbat (3-6) 11:00 am CS Shabbat (K-2) 20 mins after svces Minha 4:00 pm Teen Shabbat Study 4:00 pm Teen A Cappella
<b>8</b> 30 Nisan Rosh Hodesh	<b>9</b> 1 Iyyar Rosh Hodesh  5:30 pm CS Zimriyah 6:00 pm RH Girl Thing 6:00 pm Shevet Achim 6:30 pm Siddur Hebrew 7:45 pm BrainThirsty	<b>10</b> 2 Iyyar  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought/ Siddur Lev Shalem 1:00 pm WN Film Series 5:30 pm CS Zimriyah 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah	<b>11</b> 3 Iyyar Yom HaZikaron obs.  8:00 am Siddur Lane 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 5:30 pm CS Zimriyah 7:00 pm Yom HaAtzma'ut celebration 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	<b>12</b> 4 Iyyar Yom HaAtzma'ut observed  9:15 am Melton 2 12:00 pm Insights from Israel 5:30 pm CS Zimriyah 6:00 pm Rock Band 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	<b>13</b> 5 Iyyar Candles, 7:47 pm  8:00 am Daf HaShavua 9:10 am Shirat Shabbat 9:15 am Women in Bible 3:00 pm K-7 Family Shabbat Retreat 3:45 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Dinner Series	<b>14</b> 6 Iyyar K'doshim  9:00 am TGIS 10:00 am Sanctuary service 11:15 am Tot TGIS Immediately after svces Minha 12:30 pm Stephen Berk Talk
<b>15</b> 7 Iyyar  5:30 pm Meals at Mission	<b>16</b> 8 Iyyar  11:00 am Book Discuss Grp 11:30 am Mitzvah Monday 7:00 pm Shulhan Ivrit 7:00 pm Hamilton	<b>17</b> 9 Iyyar  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah 6:30 pm Hyphenated Identity	<b>18</b> 10 Iyyar  8:00 am Siddur Lane 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:00 pm Capital Campaign Town Hall 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism 7:30 pm Late Night Rabbi W 7:30 pm Annual Meeting	<b>19</b> 11 Iyyar  9:15 am Melton 2 9:15 am Taste of Melton 9:20 am Foundations 12:00 pm Library L&L 6:00 pm Rock Band 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	<b>20</b> 12 Iyyar Candles, 7:53 pm  8:00 am Daf HaShavua 3:45 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm Tiny Treasures and YFE svce and dinner 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>21</b> 13 Iyyar Emor  8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am Havurah Immediately after svces Minha 12:30 pm Rabbi Kaufman talk 1:00 pm Senior Send-off
<b>22</b> 14 Iyyar  5:30 pm Siddur Dedication	<b>23</b> 15 Iyyar  Toiletries Drive begins	<b>24</b> 16 Iyyar  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm Yiddish Club 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah	<b>25</b> 17 Iyyar  8:00 am Siddur Lane 4:00 pm Food Pantry packing 6:00 pm Teen mini-course 6:45 pm Melton 1 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	<b>26</b> 18 Iyyar Lag BaOmer  9:15 am Melton 2 12:00 pm Library L&L 7:00 pm Exploring Judaism	<b>27</b> 19 Iyyar Candles, 7:59 pm  8:00 am Daf HaShavua 3:45 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	<b>28</b> 20 Iyyar B'har  8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Shabbat service 20 mins after svces Minha
<b>29</b> 21 Iyyar	<b>30</b> 22 Iyyar Memorial Day  PAS offices closed	<b>31</b> 23 Iyyar  8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 6:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah				

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### Across the Abyss: How a Former Muslim Anti-Semite and a Former Jewish Extremist Are Transforming Muslim-Jewish Relations

Monday | June 6 | 7:30 pm

Imam Abdullah Antepli and Yossi Klein Halevi

### Shavuot

Saturday | June 11

9:00 pm | Festival Evening Service,  
Cheesecake, and Late Night

Learning with Rabbi Dr. Zalman  
Rothschild: "Is Judaism Legal?"

Sunday | June 12

9:15 am | Festival morning service &  
Adult Bat Mitzvah celebration

Monday | June 13

9:15 am | Festival morning service  
with Yizkor

10:45 am | Day School Community  
service

### Summer Lecture and Concert

Tuesday evening | June 28 | Lecture by David Kaufman on Jews in the 60s followed by a Tribute to Barbara Streisand with Cantor Shira Lissek and Guest Artist Cantor Magda Fishman